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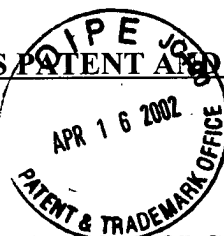
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Title: METHOD OF DETECTING MICROORGANISMS IN A SAMPLE

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed February 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Please enter the enclosed SEQUENCE LISTING into the specification.

Please substitute the paragraph in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of the Paragraph Beginning at Line 27, Page 17" for the paragraph beginning at line 27, page 17 of the specification. Specific amendments to this paragraph are detailed in the following marked-up paragraph:

In a preferred embodiment, the kit according to this invention contains specific probes for detection of bacteria of the genus *Salmonella*. In an especially preferred embodiment, the nucleic acid probe molecule for specific detection of a microorganism is the nucleic acid sequence:

Salm 63: 5'-TCGACTGACTTCAGCTCC-3' (SEQ ID NO:1)

and in the case of the negative control it is the sequence:

NonSalm: 5'-GCTAACTACTTCTGGAGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:2)

or a nucleic acid probe molecule which differ from Salm63 and/or NonSalm by a deletion and/or an addition, but the ability of these probes to hybridize with *Salmonella*-specific nucleic acid is maintained, or they may be nucleic acid probe molecules which can hybridize with the